

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

AND

SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

TOWN OF MADBURY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

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Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1890; ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A Carter, State Treasurer.....	\$ 830 00
Alonzo T Pinkham, County Treasurer.....	1104 49
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	\$1 934 49

SCHOOLS.

Paid William S Hayes, Treasurer of School Board, \$676 54	
City of Dover, Hayes & Hills proportion of	
school money,.....	19 13
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	\$695 67

SALARY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Martin V B Felker, 1st selectman.....	25 00
Charles R Cocking, 2d selectman.....	25 00
Albert Varney, collector.....	30 00
Henry L Felker, treasurer.....	15 00
Edward L Young, town clerk.....	16 00
William S Hayes, school board.....	15 00
Edwin L Jenkins, "	15 00
" " supervisor.....	6 00
Charles L Huckins "	6 00
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	\$153 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Ira A Locke, for support of John H and Ellen M Church, from Feb. 4, 1890, to Feb. 4, 1891, 52 weeks, at \$2 50 per week.....	130 00
Isaac G and Ellery M Felker, for support of Nathaniel Church, from Feb. 4, 1890, to Feb. 4, 1891, 52 weeks, at \$1 per week....	52
Wm P Page, for 1 pair boots for J H Church	2 50
" " " " Ellen M "	1 50
J F Seavey & Co., 2 shirts for John H Church	1
" " 2 under shirts for "	1 50
" " 2 pr drawers for "	1 50
" " 2 pr overalls for "	1
" " 4 pr hose for "	1 40
" " 1 pr mittens for "	50
Thomas H Dearborn & Co., for 25 yds c cloth for E M Church.....	1 75
Thos H Dearborn & Co., for 10 yds gingham	1
" " " " 2 pr hose for E M Church.....	84
Thos H Dearborn & Co., for 4 yds shirting for E M Church.....	50
Geo A Reynolds, rep'ng boots for J H Church	75

	\$197 74

SOLDIERS AID.

Paid Hayes & Hodgdon for mdse delivered Augustus A Davis from Feb 4, '90, to Feb 4, '91 52 weeks.....	110
M V B Felker for 4 cords wood delivered Augustus A Davis.....	16 50

	\$126 50

DAMAGE BY DOGS, 1889, PAID 1890.

Paid Ezra E Demeritt, 2 sheep killed.....	6
George O Hayes, 1 " "	3
Ivory H Kelley 2 " "	6

	\$15 00

DAMAGE BY DOGS, 1883, PAID 1890 IN FULL.

Paid George Berry.....	18
Albert Varney.....	4 99
Chas R Cocking.....	25
Joseph Fernald.....	21
Fred L Richardson.....	25
William S Hayes.....	42
Abagail Demeritt.....	42
Alfred Demeritt.....	42
Alonzo D Nute.....	21
Chas W Hayes.....	21
John H Kelley	1 09
Henry Swallow.....	21
Augustus Biederman.....	21
James J Griffin.....	50
Geo O Hayes.....	21
Oliver K Hayes.....	21

	\$9 99

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Arthur W Simpson 3 days, team 1 d'yon road	7 40
Robert H Goodall 81 hours work on road.....	12 16
Jeremiah K Young work on road, dist No 13.	8
Chas R Cocking cash paid for labor on road..	9 50
Fred L Richardson 9 7-10 days work on road	14 55
Chas R Cocking 55 2-3 days work on road...	83 45
Henry L Felker 7 days work on road mach...	14
Frank Berry 5 days work on road.....	7 50
Frank P Morrison 160 1-3 hours work on road	24 05
John B Huckins 2300 ft bridge plank at \$6 16 per M.....	36 80
Samuel H Craig 3-4 day on road mach.....	1 50
Mrs S C Gerrish 74 hours on road.....	11 10
E H Gerrish 62 " "	9 30
E M Felker 57 1-2 " " man and team	9 30
James L Paul 32 " "	4 80
J A Rendall 126 2-3 " "	19 00
David H Evans 15 " "	2 25
Grant Pineo 19 " "	3 25

Paid M V B Felker 17 1-2 days on road.....	26 25
" " for 462 ft timber at \$16 per M	7 39
John C Hanson for 2 days work on road.....	3
" " 4 " " " mach	8
Charles H Gerrish for 2 days work on road...	3
Jacob W Miles for 38 hours work on road...	5 70
Ann Cole for work on road over tax in 1890.	3 28
" " 5 days work on Canny bridge...	7 50
Josiah K Mitchel for 9 hours work on road..	1 35

	\$343 38

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Frank P Morrison 47 hours breaking roads '90	7 05
James L Paul 132 " " " "	19 80
John A Rendall 30 1-2 " " " "	4 58
Chas R Cocking 13 1-2 " " " "	2
A W Simpson 30 " " " '87	5 52
" " " " '89	5 58
Fred L Richardson 18 " " " '90	2 70
A W Simpson 24 " " " man	
and team 89	4 14
M V B Felker 55 " " " '90	8 25
" 214 " " " '91	32 20
Daniel B Foss 27 " " " "	4 05
Edward Pendexter 6 " " " '90	90
Andrew N Jackson 152 " " " '91	22 80
Fred L Richardson 13 " " " "	1 95
James L Paul 21 " " " "	3 15
Thomas W Fernald 137 " " " "	20 67
Albert Varney 43 1-2 " " " '90	6 52
A W Simpson 18 1-2 " " " '91	2 76
James H Demeritt 55 " " " '90	8 25
David H Evans 116 " " " '91	17 40
Charles S Kingman, 63 " " " "	9 45
John C Hanson 22 " " " "	3 30
William S Hayes 32 " " " "	4 80
Fred L Richardson 28 " " " "	4 20
Charles R Cocking 98 " " " "	14 70
Ann Cole 6 2-3 " " " '90	1

John C Hanson 53 hours breaking roads men and team.....	9 51
F W Sanders 97 1-2 hours breaking road '91	14 62
Daniel B Foss 110 " " " "	16 50
John A Rendall 9 7-8 " " " "	1 49
Jacob W Miles 16 hours breaking road with team '91.....	2 19
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	\$262 03

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid E B Lane for books, check-lists and stationery	8 23
Ellery M Felker use and damage to drag....	2
Ellery M Felker hauling stone man and team 15 hours.....	6 75
Robert H Goddard 13 hours work on stone...	1 95
Charles R Cocking for spikes and repairing road machine and picks.....	1 05
C L Jenness for powder, fuse,spikes and wire	51 05
Henry L Felker for painting and repairing road machine.....	10
Charles R Cocking freight on safe.....	4 44
Lewis H Young for second-hand safe.....	100
M V B Felker hauling stone for town house..	6
M V B Felker one day to Concord to settle state tax.....	4 78
Arthur W Simpson for services taking inven- tory and making taxes.....	16
M V B Felker for settling with Co Com'rs...	2
M V B Felker for 2 days with commissioners.	6
M V B Felker for envelopes and postage.....	68
Edward L Young for stationery and postage.	1 50
O W Farrar printing town reports for 1889...	18
Samuel C Ham damage to wagon and springs	2 50
C E Perkins for damage to wagon on highway	3
Chas R Cocking 2 feet wood for town house..	1 75
“ “ “ hauling stone for “ ..	8 25
King Fernald damage to horse and sleigh '90	15

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid Wm S Hayes Treas of school board for text books.....	10 0
Wm S Hayes Treas of school board repairs...	10 0

	\$200 00

TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF MADBURY. DR.

To cash in treasury Mar 1, 1890.....	362 48
State, county, town and school taxes collected.	2264 55
Dog tax collected.....	48
Highway tax collected.....	39 55
Savings bank tax.....	1311 45
Railroad tax.....	141 38
Literary Fund.....	65 27
Literary fund int. in C W Hayes' hands.....	11 40
County for support of county paupers.....	197 74
John C Hanson rent of town house.....	1 50
Soldiers Aid.....	126 50
Albert Varney collector '88 in part.....	10 14
" " " '89 "	84 50

	\$4664 41

TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF MADBURY CR.

Paid state tax.....	830
County tax.....	1104 49
Schools.....	695 67
Salaries of town officers.....	153
Support of poor.....	197 74
Damage by dogs '89 paid '90.....	15
Damage by dogs '83 paid '90 in full.....	9 99
Roads and bridges.....	343 38
Breaking roads.....	262 03
Miscellaneous bills.....	270 93
Text books and school house repairs.....	200
Soldiers Aid.....	126 50

Paid Auditors	2 00
Balance in treasury March 1, 1891.....	\$453 68
	\$4664 41

HENRY L. FELKER, Treasurer.

M. V. B. FELKER,
CHAS. R. COCKING, } Selectmen
of
Madbury.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouch'd, and the balance in the treasury correctly counted.

JOHN B. HUCKINS,
WM. H. H. TWOMBLY, } Auditors.

Madbury, March 2, 1891.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN MARCH
1, 1891.

State, county, town and school taxes assessed '90.. \$2403 90
Highway tax assessed '90..... 646 27
Dog tax assessed '90..... 48 00

Total assessment for '90..... \$3098 17

DUE THE TOWN.

Outstanding, Albert Varney's list '88.....	\$ 10 27
" " " " '89.....	14 53
" " " " '90.....	166 40

Cash in the treasury March 1, '91..... 453 68
\$641 88

DUE FROM THE TOWN.

Damage by dogs '90 payable March 1,	
Alfred Demeritt, 1 sheep killed.....	3 00
Ivory H Kelley 2 sheep killed and 1 damaged.....	7 00
Ann Cole 1 sheep killed by dogs.....	3 00

	13 00

ABATEMENTS 1890.

Frank H Bennett on money by mistake	10 23
" " " " dog by mistake.....	1
Chas W Hayes on heifer.....	14
Alpheus Clay heirs on real estate.....	1 21
J B Huckins on colt.....	46
Ira A Locke on horse.....	1 36
Daniel Murphy on horse '89.....	60
 Total abatements made '89 and '90.....	 \$15 00

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1890.

Raised by Law.....	581 90
Literary fund.....	65 27
Literary fund interest.....	11 40
Dog tax.....	38
 Total.....	 \$695 67

MARRIAGES.

Married at Madbury, Oct. 8, 1890, by Rev. Geo. E. Hall, Albert L. Hall of Barrington, white, aged 34 years, merchant, born at Madbury, son of John B. Hall, farmer, born at Barrington and Lydia L Foss, housewife, born at Barrington, and Esther S. Young, white, aged 22 years, born at Madbury, daughter of Jacob D. Young, born at Barrington, farmer and Sarah C. Twombly, born at Madbury, housewife.

BIRTHS.

Born at Madbury, July 4, 1890, a male, living, white, child of Robert Goddard, farmer, white and

DEATHS.

Died at Madbury, Oct. 28, 1890, John W. Emery, aged 52 years, 1 month and 19 days, born at Lee, white, married, farmer, son of Woodman Emery, farmer, and Fanny Taylor, disease pneumonia.

Died at Madbury, Dec. 12, 1890, Abigail Hodgdon, aged 70 years, 1 month and 25 days, born at Madbury, white,

married, housewife, daughter of David Munsey, farmer, and Ellen Pitman, disease bronchitis.

Died at Madbury, Dec. 18, 1890, Charles E. Jenkins, aged 22 years 1 month and 7 days, born at Madbury, white, single, teacher, son of Ira F. Jenkins, farmer, and Lydia E. Varney, disease consumption.

Died at Madbury Dec. 26, Charles E. Blackmar, born at Madbury, white, single, son of Charles E. Blackmar and Hannah S. Nute, disease, consumption.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1891. RECEIPTS.

Received of C. W. Hayes balance in his hands	
March 1, 1890.....	\$53 75
Received of C. W. Hayes balance in his hands, Old	
No 2.....	11 31
Received of the school district of Durham for tui-	
tion Harry and Frank Hill for 28 weeks ending	
March 1, 1890.....	28 40
Received for tuition of Frank Hill, ending March 1,	
1891, 28 weeks.....	14 40
Received of town treasurer.....	876 54

	\$984 42

EXPENDITURES.

No 2.

Paid Miss Georgia E Twombly for teaching 20 w'ks	
spring and fall terms.....	130
Mrs Laura Morrison for teaching 10 w'ks win-	
ter term.....	65 00
Mrs Laura Morrison for teaching 2 w'ks extra	
on winter terms for bal. of school money due	
old district No 2.....	11 81
Chas E Perkins for 1 cord of hard wood.....	5 25
" " " " pine "	3 25
Charles S Kingman 1 " hard "	5
" " 1-2 " " pine "	1 50
E L Jenkins, paid Mrs Cronin for cleaning	
school house.....	2 00

Paid E L Jenkins paid Horace Foss for sawing wood and cleaning out vault.....	2 25
Paid E L Jenkins for repairing shed and cleaning out stove pipe.....	50
E L Jenkins for water pail and dipper.....	55
" " " for glass and putty.....	90
" " " cloth to cover book.....	12
" " " stove blacking.....	15

	\$227 78

No 3.

Paid Miss Annie Hall for teaching 30 weeks spring, fall and winter terms.....	185 00
Mrs Geo Mendum for cleaning school house..	2
Wm Hayes for dripping pan for chimney.....	25
" " 2 brooms.....	50
" " having school house cleaned..	1 50
David H. Evans for 1 cord hard wood.....	5
" " " " pine " ...	3
" " sawing 1 cord wood.....	1

	\$185 25

No 4.

Paid Miss Lura M Sleeper for teaching 10 weeks spring term.....	65 00
Miss Ada S Locke for teaching 20 weeks fall and winter terms.....	130
Wm S Hayes paid Herbert Seekings for sawing and fitting bridge plank and stringers for stove	2 50
Wm S Hayes, Mrs Seekings for cleaning school house twice.....	2 50
Wm S Hayes for 1 cord pine wood fitted.....	3 65
" " " 1 broom.....	25
" " " 1 wash basin.....	25
" " " hauling bridge after fitted, to shed.....	1
Wm E Morrill 7 1-6 yds oil cloth.....	5 37

	\$210 99

Paid E L Jenkins paid Channing Folsom for tuition Mattie Emery, Harry and Fred Swallow for the year ending March 19, 1891.....	40 06
Mrs Eveline F. Emery, carrying Mattie Emery to Dover School	15
Herbert Swallow, carrying Harry and Fred Swallow to Dover school.....	15

	\$70 06

FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Wm S Hayes express on 4 packages of books	70
" " C Folsom 3 astronomies.....	1 70
" " Lee & Shepard 3 record books..	97
Chas W Hayes 5 boxes crayon.....	70
" " 3 boxes slate pencils.....	1 45
" " 3 dozen lead pencils.....	45
" " 14 Arithmetics.....	5 51
" " 7 Readers	3 70
" " 30 penholders.....	15
" " 59 Writing books.....	4 39
Boston School Supply Co., 3 American Lit're	2 52
" " " 12 Warren's Geog.	7 80
A S Barnes & Co., 24 readers.....	8 75
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn 30 Greenleaf's Arithmetics	12 24
Silver, Burdett & Co 96 writing books.....	6 40
J. B. Lippincott & Co., 2 astronomies.....	1 66
C F Stearns 72 Franklin Spelling blanks.....	2 28
Wm Ware & Co., 30 Scudder's histories and 53 Modern Spellers.....	33 84
American Book Co., 3 Robinson's Algebras..	5 06
E L Jenkins paid Howes printing labels for school books.....	1 75
E L Jenkins paid E Lane 1 bookkeep'g blank	1 80
" " " 1 primary geograp'y	55
" " " 1 fifth reader.....	1 25
" " " 2 Com Sch geog'y	2 20
" " " pens and ink.....	1 10
" " " 7 erasers 6 slates..	1 26
" " " 12 pencils box cra'on	37
" " " ex on books, Boston	15

\$110 71

PAINTING AND REPAIRING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid J B Folsom & Co., 200 pounds lead.....	14 00
" " " 10 gals oil.....	6 65
" " " 1 box ch yellow.....	50
" " " 2 1-2 gals H O Finish....	6 25
" " " 1 1-2 gals shellac.....	5 25
" " " 1 pound lamp black.....	18
" " " 1 pound graining color...	18
" " " 15 pounds green.....	2 70
" " " 1-4 gal Japan.....	31
" " " 50 pounds Fr zinc.....	4 50
" " " 1 gal spirits turpentine...	30
" " " 2 pounds Ven red.....	30
" " " 1 pound b't sienna.....	18
" " " 1 pound b't umber.....	18
" " " 5 pounds putty.....	30
Henry L Felker for mortar.....	1
" " " lime	30
" " " 56 ft timber.....	78
" " " 68 ft boards.....	1 36
" " " 31 days painting and rep'g	62
Wm S Hayes pd W H H Twombly 1 days w'k	1 50
" " " J T Twombly " "	1 50
" " " J B Huckins " "	1 50
" " " J H Seavey 47 lbs R iron..	1 18
" " " " 4 1-2 lbs bolt heads	23
" " " " 1-2 lb nuts.....	11
" " " " 1-2 lb washers.....	05

\$114 79

TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

DR.

To balance March 1 1890.....	53 75
" " " old district No 2.....	11 31
School money for 1890,	676 54
Tuition from S district of Durham for '89, '90..	42 82
Money raised for school supplies.....	100
" " " painting and repairing.....	100

\$984 42

TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.	CR.
By school No 2 including old Dist 2 money \$11 31..	227 78
" 3	198 25
" 4	210 52
Tuition and carrying children to Dover school.	70 06
School supplies.....	110 71
Painting and repairing including stock.....	114 79
Balance town school district ending March 1, 1891	52 53
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	\$984 42

WILLIAM S. HAYES, Treasurer.

E. L. JENKINS, } School Board
WILLIAM S. HAYES, }

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of the school treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN B. HUCKINS,
WILLIAM H. H. TWOMBLY, } Auditors.

Due from I. B. Hill tuition Frank and Harry Hill for 2 weeks ending March 1, 1891,.....	98
From I. B. Hill tuition of Frank Hill for 4 weeks at 45 cents per week ending March 1, 1891,.....	1 80
From Mrs. Nellie Winkley, tuition of George Winkley, 26 weeks at 45 cents per week, for the year ending March 1, 1891,.....	11 90
From the old district No. 1, balance of school money not legally expended, about.....	230

SCHOOL REPORTS.

CENTRAL SCHOOL NO 2.

The spring and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Georgia E. Twombly. Miss Twombly labored faithfully for the advancement of the school. Order and discipline was excellent, and generally speaking, good progress was made. If any of the scholars have failed to receive an equal share of the benefits of the school, as claimed by some of the parents, the fault is not with the teacher. Parents should never speak ill of the teacher before their children, it creates a

prejudice in the mind of the child which the teacher cannot overcome.

The winter term was taught by Mrs. Laura E. Morrison. Mrs. Morrison solicited the school, giving us the assurance that the trouble of last winter should not be repeated, and I think we can truly say that she has been faithful to her trust. Harmony and progress prevailed during this term. Honor to whom honor is due.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Spring term—Florence Kelley, Martha S. Kelley, Edward Pendexter, Alice L. Demeritt.

Fall term—Alice L. Demeritt.

Winter term—Frank H. Hill, Joseph Carty.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of term in weeks.....	10	10	12
Teachers' wages per week.....	\$6 50	\$6 50	\$6 50
Whole No. of different pupils.....	23	19	20
No. of pupils belonging to the school.....	21	18	18
Average daily attendance.....	20	16	17
Percentage of daily attendance.....	9523	.8888	.9444
No. of pupils not absent.....	4	1	2
" " in reading.....	23	19	20
" " in spelling.....	23	19	20
" " in penmanship.....	23	19	20
" " in arithmetic.....	23	19	20
" " in geography.....	13	9	11
" " in grammar.....	6	5	6
" " in history.....	1	5	11
" " in book-keeping.....	0	0	3
" " in composition.....	1	0	0

SCHOOL NO. 3.

The school year of 1889 was taught by Miss Hall under the superintendence of Mr. Charles W. Hayes having given excellent satisfaction she was employed to teach the school another year. Miss Hall is a teacher of experience and well qualified to preside in the school room. This school although the smallest in number contains the most advanced scholars of any school in town. The scholars were remark-

ably studious and prompt in their recitations. Excellent progress was made.

In abolished school-district No. 1 which has no school house there are now four scholars, three of them are attending school in Dover, two board in the city and one is carried from home. Their tuition is paid and a small sum is allowed for expense in getting them to school. The other has received what schooling he has had at home without expense to the town. Some settled policy should be established in regard to educating these children during the present year.

E. L. JENKINS.

Visiting Committee School No. 2 and fall and winter term of No. 3.

SCHOOL NO 3.

Spring term. This school consisted of five scholars and was taught by Miss Annie Hall of Nottingham. This was Miss Hall's 16th term and I think it is a good recommendation that she has spent about one-third of her labors as a teacher in this school.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Spring term—Mary Caldwell, Frank Caldwell, Willie Fernald.

Fall term—Mary Caldwell, Frank Caldwell, Willie Fernald, Effie Varney.

Winter term—Sadie Brown, Willie Fernald.

	Spring	Fall	Winter
Length of term in weeks.....	10	10	10
Teacher, wages per week.....	\$6	\$6	\$6 50
Whole number of different pupils.....	5	9	11
Average daily attendance.....	5	8	8
Percentage of daily attendance.....	1	.8888	.8888
Number of pupils who have not been absent	3	4	2
" " in reading.....	5	9	11
" " in spelling.....	5	9	11
" " in penmanship.....	3	9	8
" " in arithmetic.....	5	8	11
" " in geography.....	3	3	4
" " in grammar.....	2	3	1

	Spring	Fall	Winter
Number of pupils in history.....	2	3	3
" " in physiology.....		3	3
" " in book-keeping.....		1	1
" " in algebra.....	2	3	3
" " in astronomy.....	3	3	3
No. of visitors each term.....	9	10	15

SCHOOL NO. 4.

	Spring	Fall	Winter	Year
Length of term in weeks.....	10	10	10	30
Teachers wages per week,.....	\$6 50	\$6 50	\$6 50	
Whole No. of different pupils.....	14	14	15	
Average daily attendance.....	13	13	10	11
Percentage of daily attendance.....	.9286	.9592	.9338	
Number of pupils who have not been absent.....	6	3	3	
No. of pupils in reading.....	14	14	12	
" " in spelling.....	12	14	12	
" " in arithmetic.....	10	14	12	
" " in geography.....	9	7	7	
" " in grammar.....	8	8	7	
" " in history.....	5	5	4	
" " in composition.....			4	
" " in physiology.....	3	3	3	
" " in bookkeeping.....	1			
Visitors each term.....	29	25	33	

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Spring term—Minnie C., Harold H. and Reuben Hayes, Eben Locke and Herbert W. Seavey.

Fall term—Minnie C., Harold H. and Reuben Hayes and Fred W. Bennett.

Winter term—Minnie C. and Harold H. Hayes and Fred W. Bennett.

Spring term was taught by Miss Laura M. Sleeper. This was Miss Sleeper's second term in this school out of her 24 terms of experience. As a teacher she made no mistake in

her calling, and we made no mistake in our selection. Owing to sickness she declined the third term.

Fall and winter term was taught by Miss Ada S. Locke of Barrington, Miss Locke's reputation as a teacher is ranked with the first and I think I am justified in saying that the record of good teachers for this school was not broken by the selection of Miss Locke as a teacher.

GENERAL REMARKS.

We think those that have taken an interest in the schools and a more rapid advancement of an education for their children have already seen the advantage of free text books.

The spellers used in our schools were in bad shape. Many damaged by leaves being gone and two or more different kinds in the same school and a shortage at that. Therefore the modern speller was introduced in which the pupils have made excellent progress. We also introduced Scudder's U. S. History to be used in part as a reader as well as a study. The scholars have taken a deep interest in their history and in our estimation have learned enough to pay for the expense. Greenleaf's arithmetic is now used in the place of numerous kinds formerly used.

Spelling blanks have been introduced which are a great help in teaching children to write as well as to spell properly. There are two kinds of geographies used, Connell's and Warren's but as new ones are needed Warren's are supplied.

As Barnes' readers have given good satisfaction in the past they are still retained and new ones added as they are needed.

Outline maps have been used in all the school's and many of those which we have seen show a very good knowledge of geography. Hyde's grammar is the one now in use and we believe gives good satisfaction. A dictionary has been placed on each teacher's desk.

A bookcase is much needed in each school house for the safe-keeping of the books during vacation, also any that may not be in use during the term.

Each teacher is supplied with a record book in which the books used are recorded and the name of the scholar using any book is written opposite the number of that book.

We hope that the changes which have been made have been for the interest of the scholars and meets the approval of the district.

E. L. JENKINS,
WILLIAM S. HAYES, } School Board.

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